

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1308

March 30, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes from \$610 to \$300 the maximum fee for the interment of an eligible veteran's spouse.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$89,600/Current Services Fund

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the Department currently charges \$600 per eligible spouse and dependent for burial fees at the four Tennessee State Veterans Cemeteries.
- The DVS is reimbursed by the federal government for the cost of the veteran burials, but are not reimbursed for spouses or dependents.
- The DVS reports 578 spouse and dependent burials in FY15-16.
- It is assumed that at least 50 percent of such burials, or a minimum of 289, were for veteran spouses. This number is assumed to remain constant in future years.
- The fee revenue related to the provisions of the legislation are deposited into the Current Services Fund within the DVS for perpetual care and cemetery improvements.
- The \$310 (\$610 - \$300) reduction in the maximum fee amount that can be charged by the DVS will result in a recurring decrease in state fee revenue to the Current Services Fund estimated to exceed \$89,590 (\$310 price reduction x 289 minimum burials).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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